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Remarks

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to recite the priority data for the above-identified application and have inserted an Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Applicants maintain that these amendments raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

Applicants point out that due to a misnumbering of claims, there are 2 claims numbered 57 and, as such, the total number of claims present in the subject application is 111, not 110. 1-111 are present in the Accordingly, claims this filed. Ву Preliminary Amendment, application as applicants have canceled claims 6-8, 11, 18-21, 23-26, 31-45, and 49-111 without disclaimer or prejudice and have amended claims 3 and 46 to correct obvious typographical errors and claim 22 to eliminate dependency on a claim that has been cancelled. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-5, 9, 10, 12-17, 22, 27-30, and 46-48 will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$650.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying application. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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